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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MIHAI ET AL.

Examiner

David HC NHU

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTIONS

Abstract

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of two paragraphs (**write only one paragraph**), and because legal phraseology such as “**said** ” is used. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ionescu, Adrian (XP-001153333), and Krauss et al (6,422,077 B1).

Regarding to Claim 1, Ionescu, (see figures 1, 17, pages 496-591), teaches a process for manufacturing a MEMS comprising use of sacrificial layer characterized by fact that the sacrificial layer 16 is made of silicon (see page 501, lines 1-11).

Regarding claim 1, Krauss, (see figure 1, col. 3, lines 60-67, col. 4, lines 1-21), a process for manufacturing a MEMS comprising use of sacrificial layer characterized by fact that the sacrificial layer is made of silicon (see figure 1).

Regarding claims 4, 5, Ionescu, also teaches the silicon is in amorphous and polycrystalline form (see page 501, lines 1-11).

Regarding claims 6-11, Ionescu teaches micro-machine; a suspended metal layer; MEMS device; silicon and silicon-on-insulator (SOI); a suspended metal gate; a gate MOSFET.

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Regarding claims 15-20, Ionescu teaches a current switch; RF switch; sensor; an accelerometer.

Regarding claim 13, 14, Ionescu, (see figure 1) teaches using two metal levels both capped with an insulator with air gaps; a high k-dielectric material

Regarding claims 2,3, 12, Krauss, teaches the silicon sacrificial layer is removed by fluorine/bromine Plasma etching; the metal layer is gold, copper, ...

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Hartsell'628, Khan'192 are cited as of interest.

5. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) day from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see 710.02 (b)).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Nhu, (571)272-1792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. *The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.*

David Nhu



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